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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Confers the privilege of electing a Non-Official President to the Gubbi Town Municipal Council.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. A6. C. 767-4849, dated 10th November 1948, from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, recommending sanction to the conferment of the privilege of electing a non-official President from among its members to the Gubbi Town Municipal Council as resolved by the Municipal Council on 30th January 1948.

ORDER No. L. 8325-8—Ml. 115-48-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE 20TH JANUARY 1949.

Under Section 23(2) (c) of the Mysore Town Municipalities Act, 1933, Government are pleased to direct that the privilege of electing a President from among its members be conferred on the Gubbi Town Municipal Council, Tumkur District.

2. The Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, is requested to take the necessary further action in accordance with the rules prescribed in this behalf and to submit a report to Government early.

MIR SAFDAR HUSSAIN, *Genl. Secy.*

Reviews the Administration Report of the Department of Horticulture for the year 1947-48.

READ—

Letter No. 123—H., dated 16th November 1948, from the Superintendent, Government Gardens, forwarding the Annual Report on the working of the Department of Horticulture in the State for the year 1947-48.

ORDER No. A.F. 4301-20—G.G. 37-48-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 26TH JANUARY 1949.

Recorded.

Sri K. Nanjappa, F.R.H.S., continued to be in charge of the department.

With a view to expanding the activities connected with the development of horticulture in the districts, necessary additional establishment (technical as well as non-technical) was sanctioned in Government Order No. A.F. 691-92—G.G. 92-46-3, dated 13th August 1947.

To ensure the efficient working of the department two officers, *viz.*, Sriyuts M. H. Marigowda and J. N. Prém Singh

have been deputed to foreign countries for advanced studies in Horticulture.

Maintenance and improvements of Gardens.—All the gardens under the control of the department were maintained in good condition throughout the year. Several improvements were carried out in many of the Parks and Gardens. The Cubbon Park and the Lalbagh at Bangalore maintained their popularity as centres of recreation, while the Curzon Park and the Gordon Park at Mysore provided similar attraction to the public of Mysore. The Dar-i-Dowlat Bagh and the Gumbaz Gardens at Seringapatam and the Brindavan Gardens at Krishnarajasagara continued to attract many visitors and holiday-makers.

The Mysore Horticultural Society.—The Society maintained its popularity with the help and co-operation of the Gardens Department, and with the patronage extended by the garden-loving public. The half-yearly Horticultural Shows were held on the 2nd and 3rd August 1947 and 13th, 14th and 15th February 1948 and the exhibits including those of the vegetable section were of a high standard.

Development of Horticulture in the Districts.—Consequent on the re-organisation of the department, each district has been provided with a Horticultural Inspector with the necessary staff to attend to the work connected with the development of horticulture under this scheme. Nurseries and Sales Depots have been opened at all district headquarters.

The District Horticultural Inspectors have been conducting the work of horticultural propaganda and demonstration in several villages bringing home to the rural public the utilitarian aspect of gardening and economic horticulture, and as a result of this the demand for fruit and ornamental plants and for vegetable and flower seeds was greater during the year in all the districts.

Hill Stations.—The Nandi Hill Station and the Sri Krishnarajendra Hill Station at Kemmangandi continued to be popular as health and pleasure resorts. The former attracted a larger number of sight-seers, pilgrims and excursionists, besides many distinguished visitors.

The working of the department continued to be satisfactory during the year.

MIR SAFDAR HUSSAIN, *Genl. Secy.*